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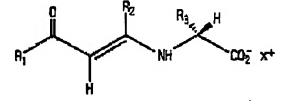
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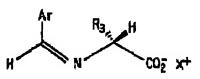
: PRODUCTION OF D-ALPHA-AMINO

ACID-N-(S)-ALPHA-ALKYLBENZYLAMIDE



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PURPOSE: To obtain the subject compound useful as an intermediate for sweeteners by simple operation using inexpensive protective group and an activating agent, by mixing a specific compound with an alkyl chloroformate and mixing the mixture with a specific benzylamine.

CONSTITUTION: A compound of formula I [R₁ is a 1-4C alkyl, a 1-4C alkoxy or a 6-12C aromatic; R2 is a 1-4C alkyl or a 6-12C aromatic; R3 is a 1-7C alkyl; X is a protonated tertiary amine or dicyclohexylamine or an alkali (earth)metail, preferably a compound of formula II [Ar is a (substituted)phenyl] Is mixed with an alkyl chloroformate (e.g. methyl chloroformate) and the mixture is mixed with an (S)-a-alkylbenzylamine, and then, exposed in an acidic state to provide the objective compound. Furthermore, the acidic state is obtained by acidifying the liquid using dilute hydrochloric acid.

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